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SUBJ: GRENADA: ARMY TAXES CONTROL. (U)

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TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ THE MILITARY HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY  
FOLLOWING ARMED CLASHES WITH DEMONSTRATORS THAT RESULTED IN THE  
DEATH OF PRIME MINISTER BISHOP ON THE 19TH. 2 OCT 27 1983.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ ON THE HEELS OF BISHOP'S DEATH AND THE DEATH OF AT  
LEAST THREE PRO-BISHOP CABINET MINISTERS, COMMANDER OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (PRA) GEN AUSTIN HUDSON ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW  
REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COUNCIL HAD BEEN FORMED AND MARTIAL LAW HAS  
BEEN IMPOSED. A 4-DAY, 24-HOUR CURFEW IS IN EFFECT, AND THE PRA  
HAS ORDERS TO SHOOT VIOLATORS ON SIGHT.

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3. (~~S/NF~~) THE LATEST REPORTING INDICATES THE STREETS OF ST GEORGES ARE EMPTY AS THE PEOPLE ARE ABIDING BY THE CURFEW. A FEW REPORTS ALLEGE THE CUBANS AND POSSIBLY THE SOVIETS INTEND TO LEND ASSISTANCE IN DEFENSE OF THE RADICAL LEFT FACTION OF THE RULING NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT, HEADED BY FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BERNARD COARD, BUT THESE REPORTS REMAIN UNSUBSTANTIATED.

4. (~~S/WN/NF~~) COMMENT: CUBAN INTERVENTION IS AT PRESENT UNLIKELY, PARTICULARLY IF THE PRA IS SUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING CIVIL ORDER. PRESENT EVIDENCE INDICATES AUSTIN, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. THE CURRENT DISPOSITION OF THE 1,000 TO 5,000-MAN MILITIA, CREATED BY BISHOP AND POSSIBLY STILL LOYAL TO HIM, IS NOT KNOWN. AS A GRASS-ROOTS MILITARY ORGANIZATION, ELEMENTS FROM THIS FORCE COULD WELL SERVE MODERATES IN THE COUNTRY AS A FOCAL POINT FOR ARMED RESISTANCE TO THE PRA. SO FAR, HOWEVER, NO ARMED RESISTANCE HAS EMERGED.

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